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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 10, line 29, insert the following new paragraph:

--Further scope of applicability of the present invention will become apparent from the detailed description given hereinafter. However, it should be understood that the detailed description and specific examples, while indicating preferred embodiments of the invention, are given by way of illustration only, since various changes and modifications within the spirit and scope of the invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art from this detailed description.--.

On page 10, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 30 as follows:

--Fig. 1 shows an embodiment of the catheter kit according to the present invention, wherein the first catheter section 20, not shown in Fig. 1, is sterilely packed inside the second catheter section 21, the second catheter section being sealed in both ends with sealing caps or foils 22,23.--

On page 11, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 11 as follows:

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--As seen in Fig. 2, the first catheter section 20 is easily withdrawn from the second catheter section by pulling the cap or foil 23 which cap or foil engages the distal end of the first catheter section.--

On page 11, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 19 as follows:

--Figs. 4-7 illustrate an embodiment of a catheter kit wherein the first and second sections 42, 44 are telescopically interconnected. A tubular protective member 46 surrounds a portion of the first catheter section 42 and forms a substantially annular cavity 48 around the first catheter section. in the second mutual configuration, shown in ~~Fig. 16~~ Fig. 4, in which the kit is intended to be stored and shipped, the first catheter section 42 and the tubular protective member 46 are inserted as far as possible into the second catheter section 44. A hydrophilic swelling medium, such as water, may be provided in the cavity 48, so that a hydrophilic surface coating optionally provided at the surface of the first catheter section 48 is stored in its swelled, i.e. wet condition. A surplus of hydrophilic swelling medium may be present in the cavity 48 in order to prevent the hydrophilic surface coating from drying out. A liquid-tight seal 50 is provided

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at the distal end of the first catheter section 42. A liquid-tight closing member 52 closes the distal end of the second catheter section 44. In one embodiment, the closing member 52 is removable so that a passage is provided between the second catheter section 44 and a urine collection bag, or another device for accumulating or conveying urine, mounted to the distal end of the section catheter section 44, when the closing member 52 is removed. In another embodiment, the closing member 52 is an integrated part of the second catheter section 44, in which case a wall 53 of the closing member 52 may be perforated in order to provide a passage between the second catheter section 44 and a urine collection bag, or other device for accumulating or conveying urine, mounted to the distal end of the section catheter section 44. In yet another embodiment, the closing member 52 may be substituted by a perforated end wall, e.g. a wall made from a central plate connected to the outer wall of the second catheter section 44 at its distal end by means of radially extending ribs or spokes. In such an embodiment, the first catheter section 42 and the seal 50 may be formed as a single, integrated piece.--

On page 13, please amend the two paragraphs beginning on line 4 as follows:

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--The catheter shown in Fig. 12 has a first section 81 forming the proximal, insertable end of the catheter, and a second, proximal section 82 forming a handle part of the catheter. The first and second sections may have different shapes corresponding to their intended use. The first section is oblong and has an inlet opening 83 for draining urine from the bladder into an internal conduit extending through both part of the catheter, and the first section is slim when compared to the second part. The first section is covered by a tubular protective member 84 which is detachably attached to the outer surface of the catheter (in ~~Fig. 1~~ Fig. 12, the tubular protective member is removed and the catheter is ready for insertion into the urinary tract). The disclosed tubular protective member is cylindrical, and has an outward flange 85 supporting removal of the sleeve from the catheter. An internal conduit connects the inlet opening with the outlet opening 86 opposite the inlet opening in the second part. The outlet opening is covered by a foil 87 which is attached in a manner which allows ~~peeling~~ peeling. A ribbed portion ~~8~~ 88 gives the user a tactile indication of the transition between the first and the second section. The first and second sections are joined in a joint 89, e.g. by gluing or welding. Alternatively, the sections may be made in one piece.

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Fig. 13 shows the catheter of Fig. 12, wherein the tubular protective member ~~4~~ 84 is attached to the catheter. The second section ~~2~~ 82 is not covered by the tubular protective member. The tubular protective member fastens to the second part via an inwardly extending flange (not shown) engaging the ribbed portion ~~8~~ 88.--

On page 13, after the last line, please insert the following new paragraph:

--The invention being thus described, it will be apparent that the same may be varied in many ways. Such variations are not to be regarded as a departure from the spirit and scope of the invention, and all such modifications as would be recognized by one skilled in the art are intended to be included within the scope of the following claims.--.